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Attorney Docket No. 201804

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KUMP et al.

Group Art Unit: 1745

Serial No. 09/379,051

Examiner: Chaney, C.

Filed: August 23, 1999

For: SEALED LEAD-ACID CELLS AND
BATTERIES HAVING AN
EXPANDABLE COVER

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the SPECIFICATION:

Column 2, line 22, "4,445,356" should read --- 4,455,356 ---.

Column 2, line 23, "Barrette" should read --- Barrett ---.

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In the CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

A *b* ~~12. (Once amended) The battery of claim 10 wherein said expandable cover area may be outwardly distended as grid growth occurs [without adversely affecting] while maintaining the integrity of the seal between said at least one terminal and the cover.~~



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

Petition For Extension Of Time
 Applicant(s) petitions for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, the fee for which is \$380.00 (enclosed).

Applicant(s) believes that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, applicant(s) hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

No additional claim fee is required.

Other: Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 Form and Three (3) Cited References

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL 17	MINUS 20	=0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$0
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			TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$0

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Checks in the amounts of \$380.00 (2-months extension fee) and \$240.00 (IDS fee) are attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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